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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 May 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. In view of the Appeal Brief filed on 05/21/2009, PROSECUTION IS HEREBY REOPENED. A new ground of rejection is set forth below. If an appellant wishes to reinstate an appeal after prosecution is reopened, appellant must file a new notice of appeal in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31 and a complete new appeal brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37. Any previously paid appeal fees set forth in 37 CFR 41.20 for filing 1 notice of appeal, filing an appeal brief, and requesting an oral hearing (if applicable) will be applied to the new appeal on the same application as long as a final Board decision has not been made on the prior appeal. If, however, the appeal fees have increased since they were previously paid, then appellant must pay the difference between the current fee(s) and the amount previously paid. Appellant must file a complete new appeal brief in compliance with the format and content requirements of 37 CFR 41.37(c) within two months from the date of filing the new notice of appeal. See MPEP § 1205.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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3. **Claims 1-12** are rejected under 35 USC 103 as obvious over Kim et al (US Patent no. 7,224,730) in view of Luken, William (US Pub. No. 2004/0109502).

As to claim 1, Kim teaches, “Method for decoding a data stream, containing a first and a second substream, the first substream containing first and second multimedia data packets and the second substream containing control information, wherein the multimedia data packets contain an indication of the time when to be presented and are decoded prior to their indicated presentation time, the method comprising the steps of:

- “extracting from said control information of the second substream first, second and third control data wherein the first control data are suitable for defining buffer size to be allocated, the second control data are suitable for defining one or more second multimedia data packets to be buffered, and the third control data are suitable for defining a mode for buffering the second multimedia data packets” at col.3, lines 10-24 and col.13, lines 4-21, (the encoded video data can be stored in a buffer or a memory device and retrieved from the buffer or the memory device after processing is complete);
- “allocating, in a buffer, buffer size according to the first control data (Length)” at col.3, lines 10-24 and col.13, lines 4-21 ;
- “storing the first decoded multimedia data packets in the buffer” at col.3, lines 24-41 and col.13, lines 4-21; and

Kim does not teach, “storing one or more multimedia data packets according to the second control data in the buffer, wherein depending on the third control data either

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the second multimedia data packets are appended to the first decoded multimedia data packets in the buffer, or replace some or all of the first decoded multimedia data packets in the buffer”.

However, Luken teaches, “storing one or more multimedia data packets according to the second control data in the buffer, wherein depending on the third control data either the second multimedia data packets are appended to the first decoded multimedia data packets in the buffer, or replace some or all of the first decoded multimedia data packets in the buffer” see at Fig. 3(C), 21(A)-(B), para. [0190], [0185] and [0195].

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate the teachings of Luken into the Efficient means for creating MPEG-4 textual representation from MPEG-4 intermedia format of Kim, because storing one or more multimedia data packets according to the second control data in the buffer would provide efficient facility consisting of a relatively small amount of software and requires only modest resources to achieve composite multimedia presentation conversion from MPEG-4 binary file format to XMT format..

As to claim 2, Kim/ Luken teaches, “Method according to claim 1, wherein the third control data defines one of a plurality of operation modes, wherein in a first mode buffering of multimedia data packets is performed when the value of the first control data changes, and in a second and third mode the second control data are valid for specifying the multimedia data packets to be buffered, wherein in the second mode the

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multimedia data packets replace the buffer contents and in the third mode the multimedia data packets are appended to the buffer contents” see Luken, at para. [0166], [0172], [0185] and [0187].

As to claim 3, Kim/ Luken teaches, “Method according to claim 2, wherein the third mode has two variations, wherein in the first variation the buffering of multimedia data packets stops when the buffer is full, and in the second variation previously buffered data may be overwritten when the buffer is full” see Luken, at Fig. 9, Para. [0182] and [0185].

As to claim 4, Kim/ Luken teaches, “Method according to claim 1, wherein the method is utilized in an instance of a processing node and wherein the first control data defines the allocated buffer size at node creation time” see Luken, at Fig. 9, Para. [0152], [0166] and [0173].

As to claim 5, Kim/ Luken teaches, “Method according to claim 1, wherein labels are attached to the buffered first and other multimedia data packets, and the packets may be accessed through their respective label” see Kim, at col. 6, lines 1-17, lines 59-67 and col.7, lines 1-11.

As to claim 6, Kim/ Luken teaches, “Method according to the claim 5, wherein a label attached to the buffered data packets contains an index relative to the latest received data packet” see Kim, at col. 6, lines 1-17, lines 59-67 and col.7, lines 1-11.

As to claim 7, Kim/ Luken teaches, “Method according to claim 1, wherein the first substream contains audio data and the second substream contains a description of the presentation” see Luken, Para. [0172], [0173] and [0174].

As to claim 8, Kim teaches, “Apparatus for decoding a data stream, the data stream containing a first and a second substream, the first substream containing first and second multimedia data packets and the second substream containing control information, wherein the multimedia data packets contain an indication of the time when to be presented and are decoded prior to their indicated presentation time, and wherein the first and second multimedia data packets are buffered, comprising:

- “buffering means for said buffering of the first and the second multimedia data packets ; packets to be buffered, and the third control data are suitable for defining a mode for buffering the second a multimedia data packets” at col.3, lines 10-24 and col.13, lines 4-21, (the encoded video data can be stored in a buffer or a memory device and retrieved from the buffer or the memory device after processing is complete);
- “means for extracting from said control information of the second substream first, second and third control data, wherein the first control data are suitable for defining buffer size to be allocated, the second control data are suitable for defining one or more second multimedia data” at col.3, lines 10-24 and col.13, lines 4-21 ;

- “storing the first decoded multimedia data packets in the buffer” at col.3, lines 24-41 and col.13, lines 4-21; and

Kim does not teach, “means for allocating, in the buffer, buffer size according to the first control data; means for storing the first decoded multimedia data packets in the buffer; and means for storing one or more multimedia data packets according to the second control data in the buffer, wherein depending on the third control data either the second multimedia data packets are appended to the first decoded multimedia data packets in the buffer, or replace some or all of the first decoded multimedia data packets in the buffer”.

However, Luken teaches, “means for allocating, in the buffer, buffer size according to the first control data; means for storing the first decoded multimedia data packets in the buffer; and means for storing one or more multimedia data packets according to the second control data in the buffer, wherein depending on the third control data either the second multimedia data packets are appended to the first decoded multimedia data packets in the buffer, or replace some or all of the first decoded multimedia data packets in the buffer” see at Fig. 3(C), 21(A)-(B), Para. [0164], [0166], [0185] and [0196].

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate the teachings of Luken into the Efficient means for creating MPEG-4 textual representation from MPEG-4 intermedia format of Kim, because storing one or more multimedia data packets according to the second control data in the buffer

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would provide efficient facility consisting of a relatively small amount of software and requires only modest resources to achieve composite multimedia presentation conversion from MPEG-4 binary file format to XMT format..

As to claim 9, Kim/ Luken teaches, “Apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising means for attaching labels to the buffered multimedia data packets, and means for accessing, retrieving or deleting the packets through their respective label” see Luken, Para. [0201], [0205] and [0206].

As to claim 10, Kim/ Luken teaches, “Apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the data stream is an MPEG-4 compliant data stream” see Kim, at col.3, lines 10-24 and col.13, lines 4-21.

As to claim 11, Kim/ Luken teaches, “Method according to claim 1, wherein replacing the stored first decoded multimedia packets with the second multimedia data packets further comprises the step of clearing the buffer before storing the second multimedia data packets” see Kim, at col.3, lines 10-24 and col.13, lines 4-21.

As to claim 12, Kim/ Luken teaches, “Apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the third control data defines one of a plurality of operation modes, wherein in a first mode buffering of multimedia data packets is performed when the value of the first control data changes, and in a second and third mode the second control data are valid for specifying the multimedia data packets to be buffered, wherein in the second mode the multimedia data packets replace the buffer contents and in the third mode the

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multimedia data packets are appended to the buffer contents" see at Fig. 3(C), 21(A)-(B), Para. [0153], [0201], [0205] and [0209].

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed with respect to **claims 1-12** have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection by Kim et al (US Patent no. 7,224,730) and (US Pub. No. 2004/0109502).

Conclusion

5. Examiner's Note: Examiner has cited particular columns and line numbers in the references applied to the claims above for the convenience of the applicant. Although specified citations are representative of the teachings of the art and are applied to specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant in preparing responses, to fully consider the references in entirety as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior art or disclosed by the Examiner.

In the case of amending the claimed invention, Applicant is respectfully requested to indicate the portion(s) of the specification which indicate(s) the structure relied on for proper interpretation and also to verify and ascertain in the metes and bounds of the claimed invention.

Contact Information

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mohammad N. Rahman whose telephone number is 571-270-1631. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30am - 5:00 pm, Mon - Fri. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mofiz Apu M can be reached on 572-272-4080. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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